

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY UNIT

NCDOT Technical Services Division



The Environmental Policy Unit ensures transportation projects comply with all state and federal environmental policies and regulations.

As experts in the environmental realm, we bring solid understanding of state and federal environmental laws and regulations, requirements and permitting as they apply to transportation projects and issues.

Our staff develop, interpret, provide guidance and policies, and lead initiatives that enable units to meet and document compliance with national and state environmental policy act (NEPA and SEPA) requirements.

We provide training for NCDOT staff and partners to improve their knowledge of SEPA/NEPA requirements and the processes required for compliance.

We regularly help NCDOT staff and consultants navigate the regulatory complexities and timelines of projects.

We continually innovate policies and initiatives that streamline project delivery.

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Find resources, information and contacts on our Connect site.

connect.ncdot.gov/resources/environmental/e pu/pages/

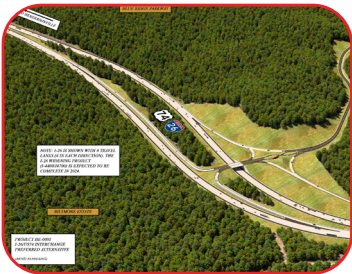


Services

- Advising on environmental best practices
- Agency communication
- Document reviews
- NEPA/404 merger coordination
- Policy interpretation and guidance
- Process improvement
- Project planning
- Project streamlining
- Stakeholder coordination
- Subject matter expertise
- Training

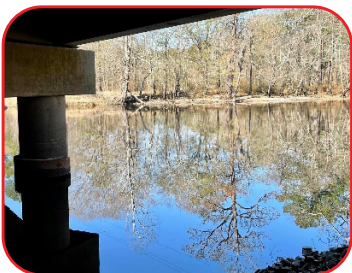


PROJECT EXAMPLES




MANAGING COMPLEX CONSTRAINTS AND STAKEHOLDER REQUIREMENTS

Environmental Policy staff worked closely with staff from other NCDOT units and consultants to complete the Interstate 26 interchange widening project in Buncombe County while navigating a complex set of environmental constraints, regulatory approvals and an economic development project nearby.




PREPARING PERMIT DOCUMENTATION AND SITE ASSESSMENTS

Environmental Policy staff prepared documentation to secure permits required to replace the Interstate 95 bridges over the Lumber River in Robeson County. Staff met on-site to assess aesthetic concerns, investigated regulatory requirements and coordinated the drainage needs of the National Park Service.



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NEPA / SEPA 101:
Understanding the Basics
Environmental Policy Unit

PROVIDING NEPA/SEPA TRAINING

The Environmental Policy Unit developed and offers in-person and online, on-demand training modules for NCDOT staff and consultants covering foundational knowledge about NEPA/SEPA requirements and processes that ensure compliance.

